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MEETINGS 3-1

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MINUTES OF THE GEOGRAPHIC RESEARCH AREA STAFF MEETING, 15 DECEMBER 1959
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PRESENT: [REDACTED]

1. New Work

a. D/GG

The China Atlas is out. Work is being done on a GM on Overseas Chinese. An article on the Chinese-Indian border is slated for publication in the OCI Weekly. The Kurd project is now winding up.

b. D/GL

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Busy backing up [REDACTED] activities.

2. Travel Plans 25X1A9a

D/GG -- [REDACTED] is slated for an Area Familiarization trip to Africa starting 1 February 1960.

3. Significant Conversations and Contacts

a. National Atlas Committee

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[REDACTED] reported on a meeting of the National Atlas Committee at which it was decided to prepare a statement on reasons we should have a national atlas.

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b. Questions Raised by [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] reported he was contacted by [REDACTED] (IC) on the following matters: (1) The creating of a roster by AAG of specialists in Chinese geography. (The inclusion of any Agency names would not be possible because of security considerations.)

25X1A9a (2) Proposed AAG subcommittee to provide coordinated coverage of incoming Chinese geographic materials (abstracts, translations, etc.)

[REDACTED] wanted to know whether it would be useful for some of our 25X1A9a people to serve on such a subcommittee. [REDACTED] has not yet approached

25X1A9a Security about this, but believes FDD might be the ones to participate.

[REDACTED] will discuss this further with [REDACTED] 25X1A9a

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c. Meeting on City Plans Project 25X1A9a

25X1A9a [REDACTED] is to meet with [REDACTED] tomorrow to discuss the City Plans Project. 25X1X7

d. Briefing of [REDACTED]

The new [REDACTED] is scheduled to be 25X1X7
25X1A9a briefed by Chief/G and D/GC tomorrow; he is cleared through SECRET.
25X1A9a [REDACTED] indicated interest in talking with [REDACTED] 25X1X7
[REDACTED] will try to set up an appointment for him.

4. Problems 25X1A9a

a. [REDACTED] reported on problems raised by the obtaining of some air photography out of Burma. 25X1A9a

b. [REDACTED] reminded the Division Chiefs that any problems of a policy nature should be referred directly through command lines (Ch/G; AD/RR; DD/I).

5. Public Relations
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25X1A9a [REDACTED] conferred with Messrs. Terry and Percy of State to discuss how the Department of State will be serviced with maps when CIA moves to the new building. [REDACTED] assured them that some adequate arrangement will be set up at the time of the move. [REDACTED] also discussed the possibility of 25X1A9a detailing one person to State (physically located at State) sometime before the move to take care of State's requests for maps. This would be on a trial basis to see whether this would be an adequate arrangement at the time of the move.

6. Statement on Major Projects and Activities

The DCI has asked for a statement on major projects and activities cut out or "beefed up" since 1 July 1956. [REDACTED] asked that the 25X1A9a Divisions prepare a short statement (in terms of man-hours) indicating those activities or major work (1) done away with; (2) decreased in size or people; or (3) increased in size or people. This statement is due into Chief/G by 4 January 1960.

7. Exchange Proposals

a. Cartographic Exchange

This exchange proposal has been referred to East-West Contacts for action. Two letters have gone out inviting counterparts in the USSR to come to the U.S. next March.

b. Geographic Exchange

25X1A9a [REDACTED] reported that money was now available in Russia for this exchange.

8. IGU Matters

25X1A9a [REDACTED] reported on his agreement with Gornung to exchange names, papers, and other information relative to U.S. participation in the IGU.

9. Distribution of Unclassified Maps to the Library of Congress

25X1A9a [REDACTED] At the request of [REDACTED] procedures have been set up for the automatic distribution of selected unclassified maps to the Map Division, Library of Congress, for their use.

10. Staffing During Holiday Season

25X1A9a [REDACTED] asked that the divisions have adequate coverage of all activities during the holiday period (about 50% coverage).

11. Records Disposition

25X1A9a [REDACTED] called the Division Chiefs' attention to ORR Notice 25X1A9a 43-100-1, ORR Records Disposition Program, 8 December 1959. [REDACTED] 25X1A9a [REDACTED] of St/A will be around to each of the divisions to talk about the implementation of this program; they are scheduled to see Chief/G on Friday, 18 December.

12. Competitive Evaluation Panel

It was decided that Division Chiefs should remain as members of the CEP for the period starting 1 January 1960.

13. Study of Agency Publications

25X1A9a [REDACTED] reported that a study is currently being made by the Publications Committee ([REDACTED], Chairman) of standard Agency Publications.

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14. Intelligence Collection Guides

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25X1A9a [redacted] asked that future Collection Guides should take into consideration available Special Intelligence. It was suggested that perhaps the best way of doing this would be to refer it to D/GG to work in these materials. [redacted] will discuss this further.

[redacted] also asked that we be sure that the best efforts of the 25X1A9a Area go into the production of these Guides, and that they be fully coordinated within the Area.

15. Debriefing Requirements

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25X1A9a [redacted] asked that questions relative to the surveying of sites for missiles launching areas (people, organizations, special surveying projects) be worked in wherever possible in presenting debriefing requirements relative to geodetic control. [redacted] is checking with NSA on this.

16. Procurement of Information on Latin American Countries

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25X1A9a [redacted] asked about the coordination of operational support work on Latin American countries and Geographic Attache and other possible procurement activities. [redacted] indicated he was currently coordinating with AMS on the matter.

17. E&E Orientation Course (operational techniques)

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[redacted] reported that eight D/GG personnel are scheduled to take a one-week E&E Orientation Course early in January.

18. Domestic Procurement Slots

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[redacted] stated that the revised job descriptions on the domestic procurement slots should be submitted within the next 2 or 3 weeks. [redacted] will check with [redacted] and go over these soon.

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